



Microbial War



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Chapter 1 by Mike

Malcolm Seaman was looking at the cultures that he had just retrieved from the incubator where they had been overnight. This was his routine every morning. The cultures were from swabs taken from patients who had been diagnosed with possible infections. They were from throats, noses, and swabs taken from the after-effects of surgical wounds.

Malcolm saw the usual plethora of colonies, each having distinctive features which enabled him to presumptively identify the organisms. There were the usual cream-coloured colonies which were typical of staphylococci and those which were smaller, the streptococci, which haemolysed the blood which was an ingredient of culture media.

Then Malcolm noticed something that was not only unusual, it was unique in his experience of 25 years working in clinical microbiology laboratories.....

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